of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other Welfare Schemes till the next harvesting season.

Cut in PDS quota

607. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the quantity of foodgrains distributed through PDS and hiked their prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the above measure would further reduce the offtake of foodgrains from the FCI godowns;

(d) whether this will make the PDS outlets unviable; and

(e) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Cut in BPL quota

608. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI MATILAL SARKAR:
SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce quantity of foodgrains allocated per household through Targeted Public Distribution System and to increase the prices of foodgrains allocated to Above Poverty Line (APL);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the status of it as on today; and

(c) the total number of households coming under TPDS and APL and the total foodgrains allocated under TPDS and APL for the last three years, TPDS-wise, APL-wise, category-wise, year-wise, and State-wise?